# CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

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| **Title of publication:** | -1720337614.jpg |
| **Other known title(s):** | Not stated |
| **OFLC ref:** | 1500387.005 |
| **Medium:** | Computer Image File |
| **Publisher:** | Not stated |
| **Country of origin:** | Not stated |
| **Language:** | Not applicable |
| **Applicant:** | Commissioner of Police |
| **Classification:** | Objectionable. |
| **Descriptive note:** | None |
| **Display conditions:** | None |
| **Date of entry in Register:** | 30 June 2015 |
| **Date of direction to issue a label:** | No direction to issue a label has been issued |
| **Date of notice of decision:** | 30 June 2015 |

**Summary of reasons for decision:**

The computer image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.

The image on the file is from a website that specialises in sexualised images of prepubescent girls in studio poses. The image is a close-up of the naked lower torso, genital area and thighs of a young girl. It is clearly intended to appeal to people with a sexual interest in children. The availability of such material encourages the creation or reinforcement of this sexual interest.

The classification of the publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention and is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression. The classification reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from sexual exploitation.